

WILSON YIELDS CARRANZA DEMAND TO AVOID ROW

FRENCH GAIN
IN ATTACKS
NEAR VERDUN

War Office Claims Success in
Counter Attacks Against
the Left Wing of
Teutons.

KAISER'S MEN LOSING
HOLD ON POSITIONS

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hind Goose Hill Are Si-
lenced by French
Cannonade.

International News Service:

PARIS, March 12.—French troops
in their counter attacks against the
left wing of the German army men-
acing Verdun, have scored a success,
the French war office announced in
an official communique issued this
afternoon. The success was won in
Le Prieur forest, where the French
troops penetrated a German trench
on a front of 200 yards. The French
returned to their original lines after
setting off mines.

The communique states that there
was no infantry action in the region
to the north of Verdun. The bom-
bardment continued during the night
against Behmendorf and in the re-
gion of Douaumont, as well as in the
Woerthe region. In the sectors of
Moulainville and Ronvaux our ar-
tillery is showing great activity on
the entire front.

Official Report.

The official communique follows:
"In Le Prieur forest a body of
our troops penetrated an enemy
trench near Croix de Cammes on a
front of about 200 yards. Having
exploded mines and caused some
losses to the enemy, this body of
troops returned to our lines with 20
prisoners.

The night was calm on the rest of
the front.

"One of our bombardings threw 70 shells
of large caliber upon the railway sta-
tion of Conflans where five houses
also are known to have been set on
fire. Though violently shelled, all
our machines returned undamaged."

The Germans hold on their ad-
vanced positions west of the Meuse
has been weakened by violent at-
tacks by French troops according to
dispatches from the Verdun front
today. Infantry assaults by the
French followed a vigorous bom-
bardment of the German positions
in Corbeaux forest and Cumières
forest. German batteries posted be-
hind Goose Hill were silenced by the
cannonade.

Guns Heard in Paris.

The thunder of the big guns could
be heard on the outskirts of Paris.
Increased activity on the part of
the German airmen led to reports
that the Germans were carrying out
fresh troop movements behind their
front and that the German airmen
were trying to keep the French air-
scouts from learning the destination
of the fresh reserves.

Refugees are flocking into Paris in
great numbers from the Verdun dis-
trict. They state that the small
towns of Elx, Moulainville, Damloup
and Bras, north and east of Verdun,
have been wiped out by the terrific
big gun duels.

Officers from the Verdun sector
say that last week's slaughter of
Germans around Vaux reached a
record mark.

Among the refugees arriving here
was 15-year-old Josephine Denis,
one of the heroines of the Verdun
fight. With her was an aged peas-
ant woman whose life the girl had
saved. When the hamlet of Mon-
thairens, a suburb of Verdun, was
bombarded, the aged peasant woman
could not flee with the other in-
habitants because of illness. Josephine
went to the sick woman's side and
remained with her throughout the
bombardment. When the old woman
was able to walk she and Josephine
left the ruined hamlet together.

NO MENTION OF VERDUN.

BERLIN, March 12.—No mention
of the fighting in the Verdun region
is contained in the official report
issued by the German war office to-
day.

It is stated, however, that the ar-
tillery duels are increasing in vio-
lence all along the front.

Four more enemy aeroplanes have
been destroyed by the Germans.

Young Czarevitch is Fond of
Camp Life and Roar of Guns

PARIS.—A French Journalist at the Russian headquarters in Ga-
licia, says of the czarevitch:

"All the tales of the czarevitch being frail and delicate are abso-
lutely untrue. He is full of energy and outdoor life suits him very well.
He is greatly interested in the war and listens attentively to every word
that is said."

"Every night he writes a letter to his mother, who is nursing wound-
ed soldiers in a big hospital where he says he hates to go and see her be-
cause there are 'too many wounds there.' He prefers camp life, the roar
of the guns and the big reviews."

CAR SHORTAGE
CAUSE FOR DELAY

Trains Tied Up in Eastern
Terminals When U. S. Need
Them For Border.

International News Service:

WASHINGTON, March 12.—The
European war is holding up the
American military expedition into
Mexico to get Francisco Villa.

With the United States on the
verge of activities which may require
the immediate shipment of huge
quantities of supplies to the border,
tens of thousands of railroad cars
are effectively tied up in eastern
terminals loaded with supplies for
the warring nations of Europe.

It was admitted today that the
situation is serious.

The plans worked out some time
ago by railroad and war department
officials for the quick moving of sup-
plies are set at naught by the un-
precedented condition of Atlantic sea-
board terminals.

The committee today was work-
ing on new plans to relieve this con-
gestion and send back to the west
its quota of rolling stock. The
American railway association is co-
operating.

FIFTH SQUADRON READY
TO LEAVE FOR BORDER

International News Service:
CHICAGO, March 12.—The first
squadron of the fifth United States
cavalry, stationed at Fort Sheridan,
was prepared to leave for the Mexi-
can border today as soon as final
orders for the move are received
from Washington. The squadron's
equipment for a long field campaign
was packed and loaded on two spe-
cial trains. Each of the 265 troops
of the squadron was supplied with
281 rounds of ammunition and 21
rounds for the automatic "forty-
fives."

PRIZE OF \$5,000 IS
PUT ON VILLA'S HEAD

International News Service:
HUMBOLDT, Ia., March 12.—A
reward of \$5,000 will be paid to the
man who captures or kills Francisco
Villa by the residents of Humboldt
county. The money is being raised
without delay. Subscriptions to the
reward fund are easily obtained be-
cause of the wide acquaintance here
of James Dean, a storekeeper of
Columbus, N. M., who was killed in
the recent Villa raid on the Ameri-
can side of the border. Dean for-
merly lived here.

RENEW DEMANDS
THAT BOARD QUIT

Dr. C. A. Lippincott and Other
Prominent Men Address
Mayor Keller.

Another request for the resigna-
tions of E. R. Rupel and William
Clem, members of the school board
who refused to renew Supt. L. J.
Montgomery's contract, was presen-
ted to Mayor Keller in a talk by Rev.
C. A. Lippincott at a meeting of the
city executive with about 75 repre-
sentative citizens at the city hall this
afternoon. Talks were also given by
A. R. Erskine, J. G. Yeagley and
F. E. Hering and other prominent
men of the city at the session which
had been granted the men by the
mayor after a petition bearing 84
names had been presented to him
last Friday.

Rev. Lippincott's request for the
resignations came in the form of a
suggestion that Messrs. Rupel and
Clem leave the board, that a new su-
perintendent be appointed and allow
the school system to get a new start.
He pointed out that Mr. Montgom-
ery was now only an incident in
South Bend's school history.

"The damage that has been done to
Mr. Montgomery's character as a re-
sult of statements given out by a
member of the school board to the
effect that there were reasons for
Mr. Montgomery's dismissal that
were best kept from the public, lies
on the head of every man in South
Bend," said Rev. Lippincott. "We
should not have allowed Mr. Mont-
gomery to leave without a vindicti-
on of the charges against him."

"It has been said that Mr. Mont-
gomery could get a position in some
other community. I say that he
couldn't get a position in the small-
est hamlet in the state of Indiana,
while the false idea that he is im-
mortal is in the heads of men."

ITALIANS OPEN A NEW
OFFENSIVE MOVEMENT

Bombard Gorizia on Isonzo Front
With Massed Artillery in
Spite of Weather.

ROME, March 12.—A new offen-
sive movement by the Italians—the
first decisive result of the recent mi-
litary conference—has been opened
over the greater part of the front in
the Austro-Italian theater of war.

On the Isonzo front the Italians
are bombarding Gorizia with massed
artillery.

In spite of inclement weather and
numerous avalanches in the moun-
tains, Italian infantry is attacking
the Austrian positions at many
points, the war office states.

In some localities the snowdrifts
have been so great that cantonniers
were buried, causing heavy loss of
life, and roads were blocked.

Near Osilavia the Italian attacks
were so violent that the Austro-
Hungarians had to rush reinforce-
ments to the front to save their first
line of trenches.

The Italian offensive which as yet
is in its initial stages, is believed in
some quarters to have been part of
a grand scheme on the part of the
allies for a concentrated attack on
the German allies in the western,
eastern and southwestern theaters
of war. However, the Germans say
that the learned of the plan and tried
to forestall it by attacking on the
west front before the rigors of win-
ter gave way to more favorable
weather.

Progress of the War

International News Service:

ATHENS, March 12.—A Ger-
man hydroplane on Sunday
bombed British warships
doing patrol duty along the
coast of Asia Minor.

International News Service:

PARIS, March 12.—The Kaiser
is again on the Verdun front and
it is believed he will remain
there until the battle is decided
one way or another, says the
Matin today. The war lord is
attending daily council of war
with his generals insisting that
further efforts be made to take
the fortress despite the terrible
losses suffered by the Germans
up to date.

International News Service:

PARIS, March 12.—The Nor-
wegian bark Silius, with Americans
on board, which was sunk without
warning off the French coast, may
have been attacked by an aeroplane
instead of a submarine, according to
an interview with the first officer,
published in the Paris Herald to-
day.

"I was on watch at the time,"
said the first officer. "I heard a
noise like that of an aeroplane and
immediately afterward there was a
violent explosion in the waist of the
ship. A huge wave rolled over the
vessel and then she began to settle.
The seamen got into the boats with
great difficulty and cleared the ship
as the mast fell."

International News Service:
WASHINGTON, March 12.—The
state department today authorized
the armed Italian liner America to
clear from New York with her guns
intact, under the stipulation that
they be used only for defensive pur-
poses.

International News Service:
PARIS, March 12.—"It is now
positive that a great German defeat
at Verdun is certain," writes Jose
Reinach, the famous French histori-
an and war critic. "The Germans
will never get the fortress."

International News Service:
PARIS, March 12.—An early of-
fensive by the allies in the Balkans
is expected to result from the grand
council of war which was in session
here today. Gen. Joffre, the French
commander-in-chief, fresh from the
bloody battlefield at Verdun, pre-
sided.

Sir Douglas Haig, who succeeded
Sir John French as commander-in-
chief of the British forces in France,
represented England. Russia and
Belgium were also represented.

Says U.S. Entry into
War Would Be a
Great Calamity

BUDAPEST, Hungary.—The wide
divergence between the view of the
war held in Hungary and the Ger-
man attitude was emphasized in the
remark of Count Stephan Tisza, the
premier, that the entrance of the
United States in the world war
"would be an unmitigated calamity
to civilization."

MYSTERIOUS FIRE
RAZES QUARTERS

Presidio at Monterey Burns to
Ground Shortly After
Troops Leave.

International News Service:

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., March
12.—The presidio at Monterey burned
to the ground today, soon after
the first United States cavalry left
for the Mexican border. Mystery
attached to the origin of the fire
and to the fact that firemen were
hindered in their fight against the
flames by the lack of water. The
supply had been cut off before the
fire was discovered.

The large frame headquarters,
containing the offices of the com-
manding officer and subordinates;
the postoffice, telephone and tele-
graph offices were completely de-
stroyed. The fire broke out three
hours after the last detachment of
troops had left for the Mexican bor-
der and the one officer and dozen
enlisted men remaining as a guard,
were helpless before the progress of
the flames. The fire department of
Monterey, arriving in answer to a
telephone summons, found the water
supply cut off and the building,
which cost about \$15,000, was de-
stroyed before the connection could
be re-established. The telephone
operator, who gave the alarm, said
the flames broke out about 4 o'clock
in the center of the building.

An investigation has been started.
The military and civil authorities co-
operating.

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pursuit of the Villa forces. This
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Carranzistas are preparing for op-
erations against American forces.

LORIMER TRIAL WILL BE
RESUMED ON TUESDAY

International News Service:
CHICAGO, March 12.—The trial
of William Lorimer on a charge of
conspiracy in connection with the
wrecking of the LaSalle St. Trust
and Savings bank, will be resumed
tomorrow. Judge William E. Dever,
whose illness has been delaying the
trial, telephoned today that he would
be able to attend a conference of the
attorneys in the case today.

PREPARATIONS
FOR INVASION
GO FORWARD

Troops and Supply Trains
From Ft. Bliss and Along
the Whole Border
Get Into Action.

FATE OF 500 MORMONS
IS CAUSE OF CONCERN

Colonists Prepare to Leave
Danger Zone and March
Afoot Across Desert to
Safety in U. S.

International News Service:

EL PASO, Texas, March 12.—Pre-
parations for the expedition into
Mexico went forward here today
with systematic swiftness. Train dis-
patchers worked through the night
and all of today on the details for
the movement of troop and supply
trains from Fort Bliss and other
points along the international bor-
der. The dispatchers worked under
implicit instructions from the mili-
tary authorities not to reveal the
destination of any train.

A report that trains carrying sol-
diers from Fort Sam Houston passed
through El Paso early today was not
confirmed at headquarters here.

Twelve supply cars were shunted
onto the Fort Bliss siding today and
were made ready to follow the first
troop train that starts from here to-
day. Along the Fort Bliss road
ambulances and supply wagons were
kept in waiting for the order to
move.

At Fort Bliss today company A of
the 8th United States cavalry under-
went final inspection of mounts and
equipment.

The fate of the 500 residents of
the Mormon colony in Casas Grandes
was causing grave concern here to-
day. There was no direct communi-
cation with the region where the
Mormons are reported to be in dan-
ger.

Bishop Hursh of the Mormon
church in El Paso, received word in
a roundabout way, that the colonists
were preparing to leave the danger
zone and march afoot across the de-
sert toward the border.

A telegram received by the I. N. S.
from Marion Letcher, American
consul at Chihuahua City, today re-
quested that denial be made of the
reports that there were recent anti-
American demonstrations in that
city.

"Both the authorities and the peo-
ple generally are showing admirable
poise and self control in the pre-
sent circumstances."

News from other sources in Chi-
huahua City stated that all the
Americans in that section were en-
route to the border.

While it had been expected that
thousands of adherents would be
gained by Villa as soon as American
troops crossed the border, the atti-
tude taken by Gen. Carranza is ad-
mitted by the United States officials
here to have made the situation ex-
ceedingly grave. Information has
reached Fort Bliss that Carranza
soldiers are digging trenches across
the line. This is admittedly an in-
dication that the Carranzistas will
back the determination of the con-
stitutionalists' first chief to oppose
American operations in Mexico un-
less Mexican troops are granted the
privileges of entering United States
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Today's Events
In Mexican
Situation

Officials admit that danger of com-
plications with Carranza has delayed
movements of the punitive expedition
to capture Villa.

White house says Pres. Wilson
will agree to Carranza request for
reciprocal arrangement for punitive
expeditions along border.

Sec'y of State Lansing and Sec'y
of War Baker confer with Pres.
Wilson reporting on general situa-
tion.

Border patrol is being strength-
ened so that the forces are in readi-
ness for any emergency that may
arise.

War department continues its
mask of censorship over all move-
ments in order to prevent Villa
knowing what to expect.

Army officers are gravely appre-
hensive that another expedition
against United States territory may
be attempted at some remote border
point.

President, after talking with con-
gressional leaders, decided not to
ask any cooperation from congress
at this time.

Sens. Stone and Saulsbury and
Atty. Gen. Gregory, in conference
with president, expressed view that
emergency agreement could be en-
tered into with Carranza without
authority from senate.

CARRANZA RUSHES
TROOPS TO BORDER

First Chief Prepares For Re-
jection of His Demand
by United States.

International News Service:
LAREDO, Texas, March 12.—
Word was received here today that
Gen. Carranza is rushing 25,000
troops toward the border in expec-
tation that the United States will re-
fuse to grant permission for Mexican
troops to cross the border. Ten
thousand of these men will go to
Juarez, 5,000 to Nogales and the
other 10,000 will be scattered at
other points.

International News Service:
DOUGLAS, ARIZ., March 12.—
Mexican raiders, numbering about
150 men, crossed the border into
the United States early today about
50 miles east of Douglas, but did
not southward toward the Sierra Madre
foothills when warned by Mexican
ranchers that American troops were
coming from Douglas to meet them.

International News Service:
SAN ANTONIO, Texas, March 12.
Maj. Gen. Funston announced today
that Brig. Gen. John J. Pershing,
in command at Fort Bliss, El Paso,
will command the punitive forces
into Mexico.

International News Service:
SAN ANTONIO, Texas, March 12.
The first section of the aviation
squadron that will see service in
Mexico left here today. It consisted
of eight machines, 80 men and full
equipment.

International News Service:
SAN ANTONIO, Texas, March 12.
Maj. Gen. Funston received official
reports today showing that his or-
ders to infantry, cavalry and ar-
tillery forces along the border were
being rapidly executed. The sup-
plies necessary for a long campaign
in Mexico are now under way and
Gen. Funston expressed himself as
thoroughly satisfied with the man-
ner in which the American troops were
being mobilized.

The delay in ordering the advance
into Mexico was explained today as
due to the fact that Gen. Funston
wishes to make American border
towns safe from attack while he is
pursuing Villa. This precaution is
necessary because of Gen. Carranza's
attitude and the fear that even if
the head of Mexico's de facto gov-
ernment were desirous of aiding the
Americans he would be unable to
control his forces along the border.

Carranza's manifesto declaring no
American troops would be permitted
to enter Mexico without a recipro-
cal privilege being granted to the
Mexican government was received
here today. Two constructions were
placed on the document. One was
that it was intended for home consump-
tion and that despite its hints that
the present difficulties "might drag
us into a war, which the United
States can never justify," the first
chief will yield to the inevitable.

Whatever Carranza may decide to
do, his attitude will not affect the
determination of the United States
to "get Villa." The American troops
will cross the border.

International News Service:
WASHINGTON, March 12.—Elab-
orate precautions were taken by
high administration officials today to
limit the trouble zone in Mexico.
The United States was very desir-
ous that the Mexican people be re-
assured and that "First Chief" Car-
ranza be placated. The white house
suggestion for a reciprocity agree-
ment would be accepted as a matter
of expediency. By doing so the
United States would be emphasize-
ing its original declaration that it
was acting only in support of the
regularly constituted authorities of
Mexico and the result must be ad-
vantageous.

The only obstacle was the point
raised by certain senators that such
an agreement would be in most re-
spects a treaty and could only be
legalized by the consent of the sen-
ate. The president conferred with
Sens. Stone and Saulsbury, Speaker
Clark and Majority Leader Kitchin
and Atty. Gen. Gregory on the sub-
ject before going into a final con-
ference with Sec'y of State Lansing
this afternoon.

Matter of Doubt.

They agreed that, inasmuch as no
question of sovereignty was involved,
that the president could make the
arrangement "as a matter of expedi-
ency," although at least three of the
conferees indicated that the matter
really was in doubt. Sen. Stone,
chairman of the senate foreign re-
lations committee, is understood to
have suggested that while expediency
was a good argument, the president
easily could ask the senate to ren-
der the proposed agreement and thus
clear up all doubtful legal
rights. But on the other hand, the
intimation had been strongly con-
veyed to the president that if he did
so his action would start a general
Mexican debate in the senate that
would most certainly get out of hand
and might result in serious conse-
quences.

The governmental departments
were filled with wild rumors. The
absolute secrecy which the admini-
stration has forced in all of the ne-
gotiations and movement of troops
was responsible for wild stories of
action. One report declared that
the president had sent a telegram
note to Gen. Carranza, but this
promptly was denied at the state
department. The war department
was absolutely silent regarding
what was going on along the
border. There seemed but little
doubt, however, that cavalry already
has begun operations on Mexican
soil, although the dispositions to
date probably have been chiefly to
prepare the way for the commence-
ment of the real offensive.

Strong Border Guard.

It was learned upon absolute
authority that the most ironclad
border guard in the history of the
nation already has been established
all along the national boundary.
Infantry and artillery are being used
at every point where Mexicans
could cross the border. Meanwhile,
although no call has been made for
the national guards, and officials
say they hope such action will not
be necessary, should an emergency
arise fully 50 per cent of its total
strength could be on the move in 12
hours. But the guard will not be
used unless a real emergency arises
and every effort is being made to
avoid it.

All Mexican affairs along the bor-
der now are in the hands of Gen.
Funston. The department of justice
in Texas notified Atty. Gen.
Gregory today that they have placed
everything in his hands and will
forego individual efforts temporarily.

Four of the Mexicans who partici-
pated in the Columbus attack are
understood to be under arrest there
and probably will be tried on murder
charges.

Officials breathed a sigh of relief
when the president's decision be-
came known. They believe that the
country will be saved from a civil
war.

WILL ALLOW
FIRST CHIEF'S
TROOPS IN U.S.

President Agrees to Recipro-
cal Rights For Soldiers
in Pursuit of Mex-
ican Bandits.

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Preparations For Action in
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